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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Alexander BUHL et al.

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ROD MACHINE ARRANGEMENT  
FOR PRODUCING NONWOVEN  
FILTERS

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirement for restriction in the Office Action mailed on October 20, 2004, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I containing Claims 1-13 drawn to a method for producing a nonwoven fiber for the manufacture of filters. Further examination of these claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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